

**516.030 Forgery in the second degree.**

- (1) A person is guilty of forgery in the second degree when, with intent to defraud, deceive or injure another, he falsely makes, completes or alters a written instrument, or in the commission of a human trafficking offense as described in KRS 529.100 or 529.110, coerces another person to falsely make, complete, or alter a written instrument, which is or purports to be or which is calculated to become or to represent when completed:
  - (a) A deed, will, codicil, contract, assignment, commercial instrument, credit card or other instrument which does or may evidence, create, transfer, terminate or otherwise affect a legal right, interest, obligation or status; or
  - (b) A public record or an instrument filed or required or authorized by law to be filed in or with a public office or public employee; or
  - (c) A written instrument officially issued or created by a public office, public employee or governmental agency.
- (2) Forgery in the second degree is a Class D felony.

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